

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

Fourcault *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 6363

Serial No.: 10/614,496

Group Art Unit: 3733

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Examiner: Davis, Daniel J.

TKHR Ref: 80350-1100

For: **A SELF-BORING AND SELF-TAPPING SCREW FOR OSTEOSYNTHESIS  
AND COMPRESSION**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The non-final Office Action dated February 20, 2007 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicants hereby submit following amendments and remarks and the enclosed petition for a 3 month extension of time. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.